Registration application of ALDICARB without undue delay; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Aldicarb is registered under Insecticides Act, 1968 for control of Golden Nematode on potato in Nilgiri Hills only and Rootknot nematode in tobacco.

The demand of Aldicarb as received from various States for three years is given as under:—

S.No.	Year	MT(Teca Grade) Quantity
1.	1991-92	40
2.	1992-93	36
3.	1993-94	40

(b) As per the information available, presently, Aldicarb, is neither being produced indigenously nor imported.

(c) As per the current import policy and insecticide including Aldicarb, which has been registered and is not prohibited for import under Insecticides Act, 1968 can be imported.

(d) and (e) The Registration Committee constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, registered aldicarb 10 per cent encapsulated granular formulation for indigenous production initially by M/s. Union Carbide India Ltd. Subsequently, the followng two parties have been registered for import of formulated product:

I. M/s. Gujarat Agro-Industries Corporation, Ahmedabad.

II. M/s. Rhone Poulenc Agro-Chemicals India Ltd., Bombay.

Research on disease affecting coconuts

4414. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any breakthrough has been made in controlling the Root wilt disease of coconuts in Kerala;

(b) which are the institutes doing research thereon; and

(c) what are the findings of the research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Central Plantation Crops Research Institute of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is primarily involved in reseach on the disease. The Kerala Agriculture University, Trichur is also doing research to a limited extent on this problem.

(c) The role of Mycoplasma like organisms (MLO's) in causing the coconut root wilt disease in Kerala has been established. A sero-diagnostic test has been developed to detect early stages of infection. A sound management package has been evolved to tackle the disease particularly in the early and middle stages of infection. A strategy for containing the disease by eradcation in mildly affected northern parts of Kerala has also been developed.

Legislations prescribing holding of Agricultural Lands

4415. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States of the Indian Union which have not so far pas-